

## OFFICE OF VITAL RECORDS & STATISTICS [1266]

### BIRTH CERTIFICATES, 1905-[ongoing]

**DESCRIPTION:** This is the permanent legal record of all live births in the state filed with the Utah Office of Vital Records and Statistics in compliance with UCA 26-2-5. The information recorded in 1905 included the newborn child's full name, sex, date of birth, place of birth, whether a single or multiple births took place, the parents' names, race (color), ages, birthplaces, occupations, and marital status, and the number of children born to the mother. Later certificates also record the length of the pregnancy, the child's weight and length at birth, the date of the serological test, a description of any complications, and a description of any congenital malformations or birth injuries.

Vital Records and Statistics began issuing birth certificates in March 1905. The Utah law requiring the registration of all births (and deaths) within the state (*Laws of Utah*, 1905, chapter 120) followed the guidelines of the U.S. Census Bureau in an effort to maintain uniform and accurate registration of all deaths nationwide. The original 1905 state statute provided that certificates issued by Vital Records would be legal documents that "shall be prima facie evidence in all courts and places of the facts therein stated." As a permanent legal record, the certificate is valid for all purposes where a certificate is required by the state or federal government (i.e., to register for school, apply for a Social Security card, apply for a U.S. passport, etc.)

Included are Supplemental Report of Birth forms, which are used to certify that a name has been given to a child who was unnamed at the time the original birth certificate was filed, and Affidavit to Amend a Record forms, which are used to correct erroneous information or provide information missing from the original record.

Throughout 1905, many physicians and midwives in Salt Lake City continued to use the Salt Lake City Board of Health Birth Return forms (postcards) in use before the state began registering births in March 1905 instead of the new State Board of Health forms.

Certificate forms are revised periodically to ensure that the data collected relate to current and future needs. In the revision process, each information field is evaluated thoroughly for its registration, legal, statistical, medical, and research value. Statistical data from birth certificates helps to identify public health problems and measure the results of programs established to alleviate these problems.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Birth certificates are arranged chronologically by year, alphabetically by county, thereunder chronologically by date. Births on the same date and in the same county are not consistently arranged in any order.

**RELATED RECORDS:** Series 81446, AMENDMENTS TO BIRTH RECORDS, are forms used to change information on birth certificates, either through error, name change, or sex change. Series 81445, DELAYED BIRTH CERTIFICATES (1905-ongoing), is birth certificates that are registered with Vital Records a year or more after the date of birth. Series 81444, NATIVE AMERICAN BIRTH CERTIFICATES (1916-ongoing), is a separate file of birth certificates issued for Indians.

**ACCESS RESTRICTIONS:** The Inspection of Vital Records Act (HB 84), which passed in May 1998, made historic birth records available to the public 100 years after the date of birth. Previously, only authorized persons had access to these records. The Office of Vital Records and Statistics began transferring custody of historic birth certificates (1905) to the Utah State Archives in March 2006. Each year in January a new lot of birth certificates is made available for public access.

**PROCESSING NOTE:** Utah birth certificates were archivally processed by W. Glen Fairclough, Jr., in April 2006. Microfilming by the Utah State Archives and digitization by the Genealogical Society of Utah is pending. This series is updated annually when a new set of death certificates becomes accessible to the public.

**PREFERRED CITATION:** Cite the Utah State Archives and Records Service, the creating agency name, the series title, and the series number.

## CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Box	Folder	Description
Pending	1	1	1903: Salt Lake
Pending	1	2	1904: Salt Lake
Pending	1	3	1905: Beaver, March-August
Pending	1	4	1905: Beaver, September-December
Pending	1	5	1905: Box Elder, January-June

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Pending	1	6	1905: Box Elder, July-August
Pending	1	7	1905: Box Elder, September-October
Pending	1	8	1905: Box Elder, November-December
Pending	1	9	1905: Cache, January-March
Pending	1	10	1905: Cache, April-May
Pending	1	11	1905: Cache, June-July
Pending	1	12	1905: Cache, August
Pending	1	13	1905: Cache, September
Pending	1	14	1905: Cache, October
Pending	1	15	1905: Cache, November
Pending	1	16	1905: Cache, December
Pending	1	17	1905: Carbon: January-May
Pending	1	18	1905: Carbon: June-July
Pending	1	19	1905: Carbon: August-September
Pending	1	20	1905: Carbon: October-December
Pending	1	21	1905: Daggett (see Uintah)
Pending	1	22	1905: Davis, January-April
Pending	1	23	1905: Davis, May-June
Pending	1	24	1905: Davis, July-August
Pending	1	25	1905: Davis, September-October
Pending	1	26	1905: Davis, November-December
Pending	1	27	1905: Duchesne (see Wasatch)
Pending	1	28	1905: Emery, April-December
Pending	1	29	1905: Garfield, April-August
Pending	1	30	1905: Garfield, September-December
Pending	1	31	1905: Grand, March-December
Pending	1	32	1905: Iron, January-July
Pending	1	33	1905: Iron, August-December
Pending	1	34	1905: Juab, January-May
Pending	1	35	1905: Juab, June-August
Pending	1	36	1905: Juab, September-October
Pending	1	37	1905: Juab, November-December
Pending	1	38	1905: Kane, July-December
Pending	1	39	1905: Millard: January-September
Pending	1	40	1905: Millard: October-December
Pending	1	41	1905: Morgan, January-December
Pending	1	42	1905: Piute (none on file)
Pending	1	43	1905: Rich, January-December
Pending	1	44	1905: Salt Lake, January 1-10
Pending	1	45	1905: Salt Lake, January 11-20
Pending	1	46	1905: Salt Lake, January 21-31
Pending	2	1	1905: Salt Lake, February 1-10
Pending	2	2	1905: Salt Lake, February 11-20
Pending	2	3	1905: Salt Lake, February 21-28
Pending	2	4	1905: Salt Lake, March 1-10

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Pending	2	5	1905: Salt Lake, March 11-20
Pending	2	6	1905: Salt Lake, March 21-31
Pending	2	7	1905: Salt Lake, April 1-10
Pending	2	8	1905: Salt Lake, April 11-20
Pending	2	9	1905: Salt Lake, April 21-30
Pending	2	10	1905: Salt Lake, May 1-10
Pending	2	11	1905: Salt Lake, May 11-20
Pending	2	12	1905: Salt Lake, May 21-31
Pending	2	13	1905: Salt Lake, June 1-10
Pending	2	14	1905: Salt Lake, June 11-20
Pending	2	15	1905: Salt Lake, June 21-30
Pending	2	16	1905: Salt Lake, July 1-10
Pending	2	17	1905: Salt Lake, July 11-20
Pending	2	18	1905: Salt Lake, July 21-31
Pending	2	19	1905: Salt Lake, August 1-10
Pending	2	20	1905: Salt Lake, August 11-20
Pending	2	21	1905: Salt Lake, August 21-31
Pending	2	22	1905: Salt Lake, September 1-10
Pending	2	23	1905: Salt Lake, September 11-20
Pending	2	24	1905: Salt Lake, September 21-30
Pending	3	1	1905: Salt Lake, October 1-10
Pending	3	2	1905: Salt Lake, October 11-20
Pending	3	3	1905: Salt Lake, October 21-31
Pending	3	4	1905: Salt Lake, November 1-10
Pending	3	5	1905: Salt Lake, November 11-20
Pending	3	6	1905: Salt Lake, November 21-30
Pending	3	7	1905: Salt Lake, December 1-10
Pending	3	8	1905: Salt Lake, December 11-20
Pending	3	9	1905: Salt Lake, December 21-31
Pending	3	10	1905: San Juan, January-December
Pending	3	11	1905: Sanpete, January-June
Pending	3	12	1905: Sanpete, July
Pending	3	13	1905: Sanpete, August
Pending	3	14	1905: Sanpete, September
Pending	3	15	1905: Sanpete, October
Pending	3	16	1905: Sanpete, November
Pending	3	17	1905: Sanpete, December
Pending	3	18	1905: Sevier, January-June
Pending	3	19	1905: Sevier, July-August
Pending	3	20	1905: Sevier, September-October
Pending	3	21	1905: Sevier, November
Pending	3	22	1905: Sevier, December
Pending	3	23	1905: Summit, January-June
Pending	3	24	1905: Summit, July
Pending	3	25	1905: Summit, August
Pending	3	26	1905: Summit, September
Pending	3	27	1905: Summit, October
Pending	3	28	1905: Summit, November

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Pending	3	29	1905: Summit, December
Pending	3	30	1905: Tooele, January-June
Pending	3	31	1905: Tooele, July-August
Pending	3	32	1905: Tooele, September-October
Pending	3	33	1905: Tooele, November-December
Pending	3	34	1905: Uintah, January-July
Pending	3	35	1905: Uintah, August-September
Pending	3	36	1905: Uintah, October-November
Pending	3	37	1905: Uintah, December
Pending	3	38	1905: Utah, January-May
Pending	3	39	1905: Utah, June
Pending	3	40	1905: Utah, July
Pending	3	41	1905: Utah, August
Pending	3	42	1905: Utah, September
Pending	3	43	1905: Utah, October
Pending	3	44	1905: Utah, November
Pending	3	45	1905: Utah, December
Pending	4	1	1905: Wasatch, March-July
Pending	4	2	1905: Wasatch, August-September
Pending	4	3	1905: Wasatch, October
Pending	4	4	1905: Wasatch, November
Pending	4	5	1905: Wasatch, December
Pending	4	6	1905: Washington, January-December
Pending	4	7	1905: Wayne, May-December
Pending	4	8	1905: Weber, January-June
Pending	4	9	1905: Weber, July
Pending	4	10	1905: Weber, August
Pending	4	11	1905: Weber, September
Pending	4	12	1905: Weber, October
Pending	4	13	1905: Weber, November
Pending	4	14	1905: Weber, December